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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM UNGA BG
SUBJECT: BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO SSOD

REFS. A. STATE 106225, B. USUN 01841

1. DURING A CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, A.K. CHOUDHURY, THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION AND OBJECTIVES AT THE SSOD WERE DISCUSSED. CHOUDHURY SAID THAT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR (MINISTER) SHAMSUL HUQ WOULD ARRIVE NEW YORK FROM DACCA JUNE 7 AND ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE JUNE 9. (DATE FOR HUQ'S ARRIVAL IS FOUR DAYS LATER THAN GIVEN REFTEL B.) THE ADVISOR WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY, M.A. CHOUDHURY, AND BY ANOTHER AMBASSADOR FROM A EUROPEAN POST.

2. JUDGING FROM CHOUDHURY'S GENERAL COMMENTS, BANGLADESH IS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE AT THE
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CONFERENCE; INSTEAD, THEY WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE NON-ALIGNED COLLECTIVE. POLOFF AND CHOUDHURY DISCUSSED THE ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE (DRAWING FROM REF A). CHOUDHURY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE DAKAR ISLAMIC MEETING AND HAD HAD LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE SSOD. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN ADVISOR IN HIS SPEECH JUNE 9 WILL STRESS THE LINKAGE BETWEEN

DISARMAMENT AND THRID WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE
INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE AND THE DESIRABILITY OF
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT FOR SOUTH ASIA.

3. THE BDG HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MILITARY EXPENDITURE REPORTING AND LIMITATIONS
(MER/L) EXERCISE, ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED EARLIER THE PRINCIPLE
OF THE EXERCISE IS SUPPORTED.
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